Co-operative Societies in the State.

14. SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of women's Co-operative Societies in the State and the number of women in the Co-operative movement at the end of 1108;

(*b*) the number of Honorary Organisers at the end of 1108;

(*c*) the number of Co-operative Inspectors at the end of the said period, and

(*d*) the number of ladies among (*b*) and (*c*)?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Number of societies 5. The information regarding the number of women in the Co-operative movement is not available for 1108.

(*b*) 20.

(*c*) 27.

(*d*) Nil.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: We will now proceed to Legislative business.

THE TRAVANCORE CIVIL COURTS' POWERS AMENDMENT BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I rise to introduce the Travancore Civil Courts' Powers Amendment Bill. The Bill has been published in the Gazette with a Statement of Objects and Reasons, and I move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I second it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether any Civil Courts' Regulation exists in Travancore?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are out of order.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I shall briefly explain the principles involved in the Bill. "Law's Delays" has been a long standing cry in this State. The Legislature of the country also animadverted on it for a long time. Sir, about 3 years ago, Government appointed a commission to enquire into the "Law's Delays" and suggest remedies. The Commissioner appointed was a retired High Court Judge of eminence. He had been in all the grades of Judiciary, as Munsiff, District Judge and High Court Judge and has experience of the Judicial Administration of the country in all its aspects. He was also a legal practitioner once. The Commissioner submitted his report containing a number of proposals. They were all considered by the High Court and, in substance, most of the proposals of the Law's Delays Commissioner have been agreed to.

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